

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-26 are pending in the present application. No amendments are made herein.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

- Group I, claims 1-7 and 9-16, drawn to a lactoferrin composition;
- Group II, claim 8, drawn to a method of making the lactoferrin composition; and
- Group III, claims 17-26, drawn to a method of improving lipid metabolism.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-7 and 9-16.

Election of Species Requirement

The Examiner has required election of a species, as follows:

- Hypercholesterolemia;
- Hyper-neutral lipidemia;
- Hyper-low density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterolemia;
- Hypo-high density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterolemia;
- Obesity;
- Fatty liver; and
- Cholesterol gallstone.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, the species of hypercholesterolemia.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Eugene T. Perez, Registration No. 48,501, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: SEP 12 2006 Respectfully submitted,

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